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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 10:30 a.m. on 22 January 1954, a column of 1 sedan, about 60 trucks, including 15 towing 57-mm AT guns; and about 10 radio trucks were observed near Moltke Kaserne and Krueger Kaserne in Schwerin, coming from the direction of the town and proceeding toward Ludwigslust. The trucks were occupied by troops and included some carrying equipment.

At 11 a.m. on 22 January,

a column of 10 presumably factory-new trucks without troops and equipment was seen entering Schwerin from the direction of Wismar.

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2. At 3 p.m. on 23 January, a column of 1 sedan, about 30 trucks and 12 AT guns

was observed in Magdeburg-Buckau, proceeding toward Schoenebeck. The column returned after about 1 hour. On 17 January, a similar column with the same motor vehicle numbers was observed.

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3. At about 2 p.m. on 22 January, a column of 22 tanks, 5 trucks occupied by troops and another 4 trucks passed through Wittstock, coming from the direction of Perleberg and proceeding toward Dranse.

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4. On 14 January, a column of about 40 to 70 trucks heavily loaded and about 20 prime movers towing about 150-mm guns passed through Potsdam, coming from the direction of Nauenertor and proceeding toward Beelitz

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at about 4 a.m. on 14 January, a column of vehicles including several tanks proceeded in the same direction and, later, turned off toward Wilhelmshorst.

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1. Comment. the AT units belong to the 94th Gds Mts Rifle Div which presumably left for, or returned from firing practices.

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2. Comment. AT units which belonged to the 19th Gds Mts Div, may have conducted march practices.

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3. Comment. It appears possible that tank units of the 18th Mts Div conducted winter firing practices at the Wittstock training grounds. Units of the 12th Gds Tank Div also conducted firing practices at newly prepared tank firing lanes southeast of the training area in the second half of January.

It is undetermined, whether the tank units mentioned arrived by road or rail.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The departure by road of units of the 34th Arty Div [redacted] for [redacted]
firing practices at Jueterbog had previously been reported.

The column which, with tanks, proceeded in the same direction and,
later, turned off toward east, cannot be accounted for.

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